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JGFDS-PR-263 BLOOMINGTON SIDEWALK PROJECT UNDERWAY FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LISHA SMITH AT (909) 387-4565

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SIDEWALK PROJECT TO IMPROVE WALKABILITY FOR BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, COMMUNITY

SAN BERNARDINO – An extensive sidewalk and road improvement project benefitting local high school students and residents living in the unincorporated community of Bloomington is slated to begin next month.

Chair Josie Gonzales and her colleagues on the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc. to construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters, along with other roadway improvements along Alder and Santa Ana avenues, on both sides of Bloomington High School.

The project site measuring just over half-a-mile also will entail improvements to the high school driveway, parking area, and the drainage system. The county will bear the total cost of \$575,000, including those expenses associated with the school parking lot improvements.

"The Bloomington sidewalk project is a substantial enhancement for this community that is greatly needed. Once the project is complete students will have a much safer walking route to and from school; and the improvements to the school driveway and adjacent roadways will definitely ease traffic flow around Bloomington High, especially when school is in session," said Chair Gonzales.

County Public Works Department estimates the construction will begin in August and last about two months. No street closures are planned during that time. Once construction is complete, county staff will return to the Board of Supervisors and recommend that the county vacate the portion of the right-of-way that contains the new parking facility to the Colton Joint Unified School District at no cost.

For more information on the project residents can call Public Works at (909) 387-7920.